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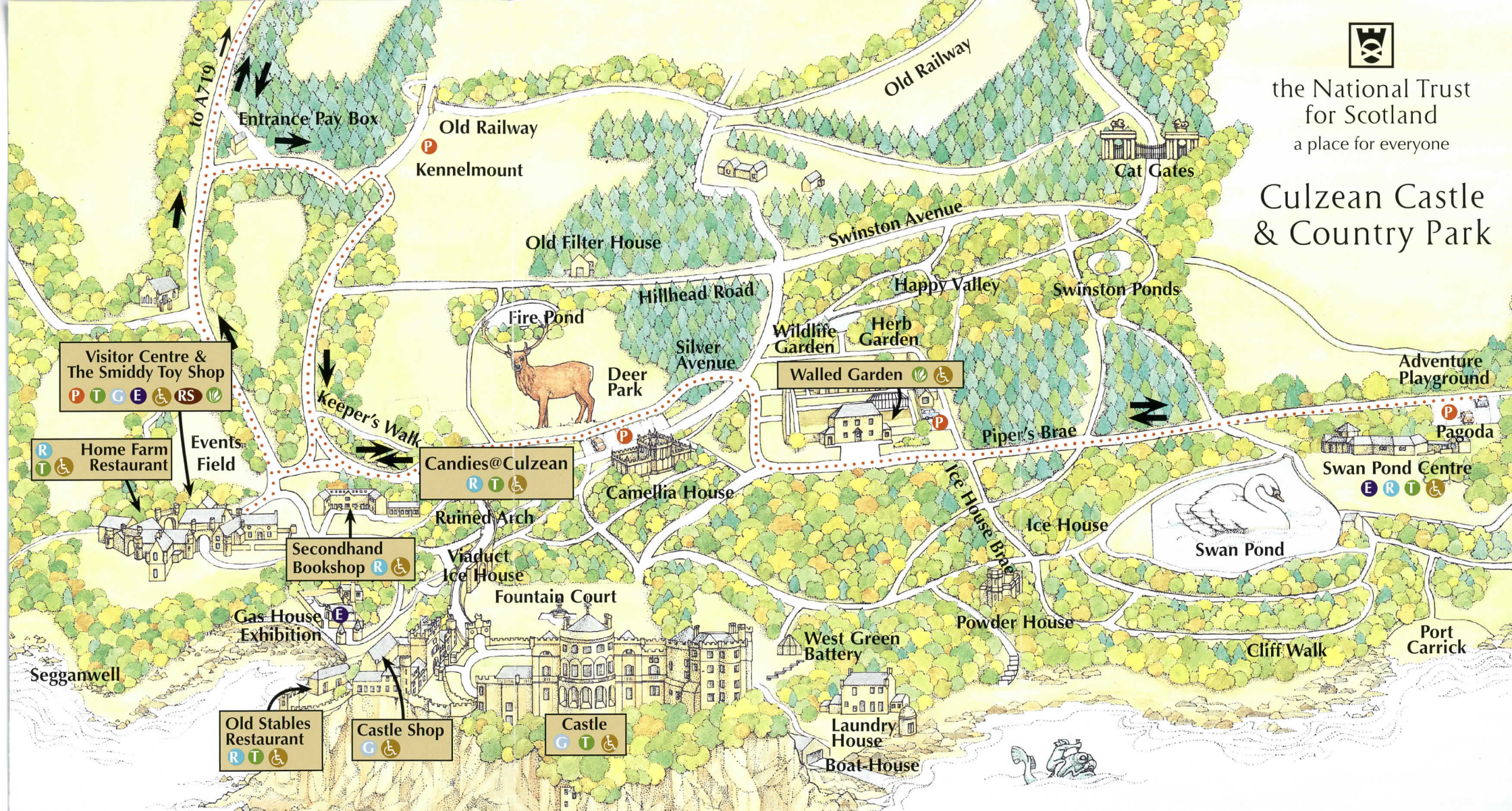


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The Country Park is managed by the Trust on behalf of a joint committee representing South Ayrshire Council and the Trust and is supported by grants from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). The restoration of native woodland was co-financed with National Lottery funds, distributed by the Millennium Commission through the Millennium Forest for Scotland. In 1991, the National Heritage Memorial Fund provided co-finance towards the restoration of the Viaduct and in 1993 co-finance was received from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Historic Scotland towards the restoration of buildings associated and contemporary with the castle. In 1998 co-finance was received from the ERDF; Enterprise Ayrshire; Historic Scotland; South Ayrshire Council and SNH towards the Culzean 2000 Initiative.

Culzean was given to the National Trust for Scotland in 1945 by the fifth Marquess of Ailsa and the Kennedy family. In 1969 the grounds were declared Scotland's first Country Park.

The spectacular eighteenth century clifftop Castle designed by Robert Adam has been restored as closely as possible to the original design. The Oval Staircase and Circular Saloon were his final masterpiece, and the armoury contains a spectacular collection of weapons.

The Visitor Centre, formerly the Home Farm was also designed by Robert Adam and converted to its present use in 1972.

Miles of **woodland walks** will take visitors to other main attractions including the **Deer Park** with a small herd of red deer. A walks leaflet is available on sale at the Visitor Centre.

The **Walled Garden**, featuring a colourful herbaceous border, kitchen garden and pleasure garden, with a restored Victorian vinery, thatched summer-house and a grotto.

Happy Valley, the woodland garden, has specimen conifers and a range of exotic and native trees and shrubs.

The **Swan Pond**, a 13 acre lake with resident wildfowl has a picnic area and a children's playground.

The **Coastline**, four miles of rocky shore, sandy beaches and cliffs with spectacular views over the Firth of Clyde to Arran and Kintyre

Refreshments

The **Visitor Centre Restaurant** (self service) offers a wide range of hot and cold snacks and meals.

The **Old Stables Coffee House** on the clifftop behind the Clocktower is perfect for afternoon coffee and light snacks.

Swan Pond Kiosk offers ices and light refreshments (limited opening)

Shops and Plant Sales

The **Visitor Centre Shop** offers a range of books, jewellery, gifts, and Scottish food including locally produced cheeses and ice cream. Also in the Visitor Centre is the new **Smiddy Toy Shop** with a wonderful range of traditional toys for all ages.

Nearby is the **Secondhand Bookshop**. Run by volunteers, relying solely on donated books and with all proceeds going to support Culzean, this is one of the best second hand bookshops in the area.

The **Castle Shop** at the Clocktower offers gifts, books on Scottish history, textiles and fine china evoking the Castle and its contents.

Candies @ Culzean at the Deer Park sells a wide selection of traditional sweets, local ice cream and soft drinks (limited opening)

Plant sales can be found at both the **Visitor Centre** and at the **Walled Garden** where plants produced and raised at Culzean may be purchased.

Information and Exhibitions

Visitor Centre – main information centre with exhibition and auditorium with audiovisual programme.

Gas House Exhibition tells the story of the production of coal gas and the adjacent cottage has an exhibition on William Murdoch, pioneer of domestic gas lighting.

Ranger Service

Based at the Visitor Centre, the rangers organise a programme of guided walks and excursions and children's events. Pick up a copy of the Culzean Events programme to see what's going on.

Disabled Visitors

BT Countryside for All Award winner 1996. Access and information leaflet available at the Visitor Centre.

Dog walking

Permitted. Dogs must be kept under control and fouling cleaned up. No dogs, except guide dogs, allowed in buildings, the Walled Garden or the children's playground.

As a member, enjoy:

- Free admission to all our fantastic places throughout Scotland
- Our members' magazine, *Scotland in Trust*, three times a year
- Annual *Guide* with all details of places in our care
- Free car parking at sites with parking charges
- Free admission to and free parking at properties of the National Trust in England, Wales & N Ireland
- Free admission to properties of Heritage Trusts in other countries

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